



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Hawaiian archipelago in the middle of the Pacific Ocean is one of the most isolated places on earth and home to approximately 1,400 native plants; and

WHEREAS, nearly 90 percent of Hawai'i's native plants are found only in the Hawaiian Islands; and

WHEREAS, Hawai'i is the endangered species capital of the world with more than 100 extinct plant species listed, and over 200 plant species with only 50 or fewer remaining in the wild; and

WHEREAS, Hawai'i makes up less than 1 percent of the continental United States land mass but contains 44 percent of the nation's endangered and threatened plant species; and

WHEREAS, 366 of native plants are listed as "Endangered" or "Threatened" by federal and state governments and an additional 48 species are "Proposed as Endangered"; and

WHEREAS, Native Hawaiians, scientists, government officials and the public continue to work together to conserve, educate and celebrate the importance of indigenous and endemic plants, bringing awareness to Native Hawaiian culture and contributing to the sustainability of Hawai'i's unique environment;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, JOSHUA B. GREEN, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim April 2020 as

"NATIVE HAWAIIAN PLANT MONTH"

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing the importance and urgency of supporting the work being done to protect and cultivate the endangered and threatened species of these plants in the Hawaiian Islands.

Done at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this fourth day of February 2020.

JOSHUA B. GREEN
Lieutenant Governor, State of Hawai'i

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i